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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 October to 5 November 1993. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 18 October 1993 at 10.30 a.m.
2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-ninth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
5. At its forty-eighth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its forty-ninth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 11 to 15 October 1993.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Organizational and other matters.
3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.
6. World Conference on Human Rights.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-eighth session to set up, in addition to the pre-session working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the forty-ninth session; to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it; and to review the Committee's procedures under article 40 of the Covenant, in the light of the discussion on that subject at the Committee's forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-ninth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties :

|             |                                                       |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Latvia      | Initial report due in 1993 (CCPR/C/81/Add.1)          |
| Cyprus      | Second periodic report due in 1984 (CCPR/C/32/Add.18) |
| El Salvador | Second periodic report due in 1988 (CCPR/C/51/Add.8)  |
| Afghanistan | Second periodic report due in 1989 (CCPR/C/57/Add.5)  |
| Cameroon    | Second periodic report due in 1990 (CCPR/C/63/Add.1)  |

|            |                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Yemen      | Second periodic report due in 1993 (CCPR/C/82/Add.1) |
| Italy      | Third periodic report due in 1990 (CCPR/C/64/Add.8)  |
| Costa Rica | Third periodic report due in 1991 (CCPR/C/70/Add.4)  |
| Jordan     | Third periodic report due in 1992 (CCPR/C/76/Add.1)  |
| Mexico     | Third periodic report due in 1992 (CCPR/C/76/Add.2)  |
| Morocco    | Third periodic report due in 1992 (CCPR/C/76/Add.3)  |
| Tunisia    | Fourth periodic report due in 1993 (CCPR/C/84/Add.1) |

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

#### Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-eighth session (30 July 1993) but have not yet been received

#### Initial reports

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Date due</u>  | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gabon              | 20 April 1984    | 18                              |
| Equatorial Guinea  | 24 December 1988 | 9                               |
| Somalia            | 23 April 1991    | 4                               |
| Haiti              | 5 May 1992       | 2                               |
| Slovenia           | 24 June 1992     | -                               |
| Zimbabwe           | 12 August 1992   | 2                               |
| Nepal              | 13 August 1992   | 2                               |
| Croatia            | 7 October 1992   | -                               |
| Grenada            | 5 December 1992  | 1                               |
| Israel             | 2 January 1993   | 1                               |
| Albania            | 3 January 1993   | 1                               |
| Estonia            | 20 January 1993  | 1                               |
| Lithuania          | 19 February 1993 | 1                               |
| Angola             | 9 April 1993     | -                               |
| Brazil             | 23 April 1993    | -                               |
| Benin              | 11 June 1993     | -                               |
| Côte d'Ivoire      | 25 June 1993     | -                               |

#### Second periodic reports

|                         |                |    |
|-------------------------|----------------|----|
| Syrian Arab Republic    | 18 August 1984 | 19 |
| New Zealand-Cook Island | 27 March 1985  | 8  |
| Gambia                  | 21 June 1985   | 17 |
| Suriname                | 2 August 1985  | 16 |
| Lebanon                 | 21 March 1986  | 16 |
| Kenya                   | 11 April 1986  | 15 |
| Mali                    | 11 April 1986  | 15 |

Second periodic reports (contd.)

| <u>State party</u>                    | <u>Date due</u>  | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jamaica                               | 1 August 1986    | 13                              |
| Netherlands-Antilles                  | 31 October 1986  | 7                               |
| Guyana                                | 10 April 1987    | 13                              |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 13 December 1987 | 11                              |
| Central African Republic              | 9 April 1989     | 8                               |
| Gabon 1/                              | 20 April 1989    | 6                               |
| Congo                                 | 4 January 1990   | 7                               |
| Zambia                                | 9 July 1990      | 6                               |
| Bolivia                               | 13 July 1990     | 6                               |
| Togo                                  | 23 August 1990   | 6                               |
| Viet Nam                              | 31 July 1991     | 4                               |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines      | 31 October 1991  | 4                               |
| San Marino                            | 17 January 1992  | 3                               |
| Sudan                                 | 17 June 1992     | 1                               |
| Argentina                             | 7 November 1992  | 1                               |
| Philippines                           | 22 January 1993  | -                               |

Third periodic reports

|                         |                   |    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----|
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  | 4 February 1988   | -  |
| Lebanon 2/              | 21 March 1988     | 11 |
| Cyprus                  | 18 August 1989    | -  |
| Syrian Arab Republic 2/ | 18 August 1989    | 8  |
| Trinidad and Tobago     | 20 March 1990     | 7  |
| New Zealand             | 27 March 1990     | 7  |
| Gambia 2/               | 21 June 1990      | 6  |
| Mauritius               | 18 July 1990      | 6  |
| Suriname 2/             | 2 August 1990     | 6  |
| Denmark                 | 1 November 1990   | 6  |
| El Salvador             | 28 February 1991  | -  |
| Barbados                | 11 April 1991     | 5  |
| Kenya 2/                | 11 April 1991     | 5  |
| Mali 2/                 | 11 April 1991     | 5  |
| Nicaragua               | 11 June 1991      | 4  |
| Zaire                   | 31 July 1991      | 4  |
| Jamaica 2/              | 1 August 1991     | 4  |
| Portugal                | 1 August 1991     | 4  |
| Sri Lanka               | 10 September 1991 | 4  |
| Netherlands             | 31 October 1991   | 4  |
| Australia               | 12 November 1991  | 3  |
| France                  | 3 February 1992   | 3  |
| India                   | 31 March 1992     | 3  |
| Panama                  | 31 March 1992     | 3  |
| Guyana 2/               | 10 April 1992     | 3  |
| Rwanda                  | 10 April 1992     | 3  |

Third periodic reports (contd.)

| <u>State party</u>                       | <u>Date due</u>  | <u>Number of reminders sent</u> |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Madagascar                               | 31 July 1992     | 2                               |
| Central African Republic 2/              | 7 August 1992    | 2                               |
| Iceland                                  | 30 October 1992  | -                               |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea 2/ | 13 December 1992 | 1                               |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 2/      | 8 February 1993  | 1                               |
| Austria                                  | 9 April 1993     | -                               |
| Peru                                     | 9 April 1993     | -                               |

Fourth periodic reports

|                        |                 |   |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 4 February 1993 | - |
| Lebanon 3/             | 21 March 1993   | - |
| Panama                 | 6 June 1993     | - |

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-eighth session (30 July 1993) and the closing date of its forty-ninth session (5 November 1993)

Initial reports

| <u>State party</u>       | <u>Date due</u>   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Guatemala                | 4 August 1993     |
| Seychelles               | 4 August 1993     |
| Cambodia                 | 25 August 1993    |
| United States of America | 7 September 1993  |
| Paraguay                 | 9 September 1993  |
| Switzerland              | 17 September 1993 |

Fourth periodic reports

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Germany                            | 3 August 1993   |
| Madagascar                         | 3 August 1993   |
| Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) | 3 August 1993   |
| Belarus                            | 4 November 1993 |
| Ecuador                            | 4 November 1993 |
| Mauritius                          | 4 November 1993 |
| Russian Federation                 | 4 November 1993 |

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the forty-ninth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports  
of States parties

|                   |                  |                      |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Malta             | CCPR/C/68/Add.4  | Tuesday, a.m.        | 19 October 1993 |
| (initial)         |                  | Thursday, a.m.       | 21 October 1993 |
| Iceland           | CCPR/C/46/Add.5  | Tuesday, p.m.        | 19 October 1993 |
| (second periodic) |                  | Wednesday, a.m./p.m. | 20 October 1993 |
| Norway            | CCPR/C/70/Add.2  | Thursday, p.m.       | 21 October 1993 |
| (third periodic)  |                  | Friday, a.m./p.m.    | 22 October 1993 |
| Libyan            | CCPR/C/28/Add.16 | Monday, a.m./p.m.    | 25 October 1993 |
| Arab Jamahiriya   |                  | Tuesday, a.m.        | 26 October 1993 |
| (second periodic) |                  |                      |                 |
| Japan             | CCPR/C/70/Add.1  | Wednesday, a.m./p.m. | 27 October 1993 |
| (third periodic)  |                  | Thursday, a.m.       | 28 October 1993 |
| Romania           | CCPR/C/58/Add.15 | Thursday, a.m.       | 28 October 1993 |
| (third periodic)  |                  | Friday, a.m./p.m.    | 29 October 1993 |

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its forty-ninth session.

Under this item, the Committee will review any draft general comment that may be submitted to it by its working group.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and thirty-three communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 35 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 94 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will consider the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23), as adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993.

Notes

- 1/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.
- 2/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.
- 3/ The State party's second and third periodic reports have not yet been received.

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